

REMARKS

Claims 15-20, 35, 40, and 54-59 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

These claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,530,643 to Hodorowski ("Hodorowski") in view of United States Patent No. 5,526,268 to Tkacs et al. ("Tkacs"). According to the Examiner, Hodorowski does not teach the calling and display of detailed data corresponding to a selected symbol representing an associated device. In the view of the Examiner, this is taught by Tkacs. Applicant has amended independent claims 15, 18, 54, and 57 to recite that none of the detailed data for non-selected symbols is displayed. In Tkacs, Figures 4-6 shows an illustration of pumps, pipes, and valves. Associated with these graphical symbols are text. Even if this text meets the "detailed data" of the claims, a point which Applicant does not concede, Tkacs still would not meet the newly added limitation because this text information is always displayed for all of the displayed equipment. This is unlike the claimed invention because in the claimed invention only the detailed data of a selected symbol representing a device is displayed. Detailed data of non-selected devices are not displayed. The display according to the claimed invention is thus less cumbersome to view because it is free of the textual clutter that results when, as in the Tkacs system, each symbol representing a device has some associated text displayed. Instead, the advantage of the present invention is that it permits an operator to display only the detailed data that interests him. Detailed data for devices that are of no interest to him are not displayed and therefore do not distract him from the information that he considers important at the moment he selects the associated device symbol.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the references relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination with each other, teaches or suggests the invention of claims 15, 18, 54, and 57.

All the issues raised by the Examiner and pertaining to the currently pending claims having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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